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GOVERNMENT PRINTING PRESSES.

Labour Conditions Improved.

HIGHER PAY AND SHORTER HOURS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, JULY 15.

The Government of India have had under consideration the question of the revision of the emoluments of the employees in the printing presses under their control.

In 1919 petitions were received from the employees of all the Government of India presses in which they stated that the temporary relief granted in 1918 was not adequate and prayed for a permanent revision of pay including the revision of the piece rates now in force. The petitioners also asked that if it was not possible to sanction a permanent revision of their pay and prospects immediately they should be granted further temporary substantial relief from the 1st January, 1919. After careful consideration it was recognised that it might be necessary to wait for the very detailed figures that the Government of India have obtained of the earnings of the men of different classes in the Calcutta, Delhi and Simla presses during the year 1919-1920, the piece workers will be able under the increased rates now sanctioned to earn more than their present total income in a shorter working day and under considerably more favourable conditions.

Piece-workers have represented that a real hardship has been caused by the fact that they receive no payment for any time during which they remain idle in the press for lack of work. To remove this grievance it has been decided that in future they will be paid according to their class rates. During normal working hours they have to remain idle for this cause.

The Government of India are not, however, prepared to accept the proposal that piece-workers should have the same provisions for leave as salaried hands. They think that the piece-workers should continue to be treated in this manner in the same way as the establishments of other industrial concerns and that they should only be paid for days on which they attend for work. Superintendents of presses are, however, authorised to waive at their discretion penalties for casual absences which are not covered by leave granted in advance or by medical certificate. Under an arrangement of long standing eight days' casual leave with pay is granted to Simla piece-workers (the majority of whom are residents of the plains) during the winter months when work is less pressing locally. In future the Simla men will be allowed to combine with this leave without pay and such combined leave will not be considered a break in service.

SALARIED HANDS.

As regards salaried hands the men at present draw their original basic pay plus the war allowance. In addition they get overtime allowances. In view of the extension of the standard hours of work and in order to secure an adequate living wage under altered circumstances to all classes of workers in their presses the Government of India have decided to increase the pay at present drawn by the salaried employees of their presses. In fixing the revised scale for salaried hands at present entitled to overtime, the present basic pay has first of all been increased by [illegible] known to the Viceroy and the authorities as the very effective—*From our own correspondent.*

Military.

14th July.—Owing to the departure of the [illegible] prisoners, the Prisoners of War camp has been closed and most of the British officers have left the station. There is now only the 3-78 Malabar Infantry and a company of British troops.

OFFICIAL.

Mr. K. Gopala Rao, B.A. B.L., the Acting District and Sessions Judge, is attending to sessions work mostly. Mr. K. S. Ramaswami Iyer Rai said that he viewed with satisfaction the spirit of democracy that was in the air in the whole country. Last year's episode had wonderful effects to tell. Indian rights were trampled upon by foreigners and Indian life considered worthless. He appealed to his audience to swear by all that was sacred to eradicate completely till stains with the other dominions is secured. Mr. Montagu, in his recent speech in the House of Commons, declared that British life is sacred, but Indian life is sacred too. Montagu should have better put, English life is sacred, but Indian life is sacred too, sacred, but Indian life is equally sacred. Let known to the Viceroy and the authorities as

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COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

Mr. Cowlur Ramachandra Rao, B.A., B.L., High Court Vakil, intends to stand as a candidate for the Indian Legislative Assembly for the next elections, for the group of Districts comprising, Cuddapah, Kurnool, Anantapur Bellary and Chittoor.

Replying to an address presented at a gathering of five thousand on Wednesday evening, Lala Jpat Rai said that he viewed with satisfaction the spirit of democracy that was in the air in the whole country. Last year's episode had wonderful effects to tell. Indian rights were trampled upon by foreigners and Indian life considered worthless. He appealed to his audience to swear by all that was sacred to eradicate completely till stains with the other dominions is secured. Mr. Montagu, in his recent speech in the House of Commons, declared that British life is sacred, but Indian life is sacred too. Montagu should have better put, English life is sacred, but Indian life is equally sacred. Let

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R.A.M.C. (was the winner of the Dotterill cup.

Mr. F. M. Strawson has assumed the Secretaryship of the Garrison Golf Club.

A very successful dance was held at the Coonoor Club last night when there were present thirty-eight members. The band of the Leinster Regiment furnished the music and dancing was kept up with great zest till a late hour.

Major Lloyd, has for the present, postponed his trip to Kodaikanal.

A concert arranged by Miss E. Royal-Dawson, will be given in Stanes school Hall on Saturday, 24th instant at 5 p.m., for the benefit of the Trinity College Candidates' Fund.

The electoral rolls of voters for the Indian Legislative Assembly elections are issued. There are fifty one European voters and eight Anglo Indian voters. The voting place is the Municipal Office.—*From our own correspondent.*

PONDICHERRY.

"Republican Day" Festivities.

14th July.—The annual festivities in connection with the "Republican Day," familiarly known as "Raja Pandigai" in French India, was celebrated to day at Pondicherry.

This morning the firing of 21 guns announced the "National Day" fete. Precisely at 7-30 His Excellency Mons. Garbinis, the Governor-General of French India, accompanied by Her Excellency Madame Garbinis, Miss. Garbinis and Monsieur Julie Barbier, Private Secretary, arrived in a State carriage escorted by the Bodyguard to the specially-erected pandal in front of the Duplaix Statue where introductions took place.

At about 9 o'clock the regular proceedings of the fete commenced near the Beach Road and at the conclusion of the sports the sale of flags and button-holes to collect money for the benefit of the Indians whose parents lost their lives in the great war. Alms were freely given to the special feature was the presence of conspicuously displayed the prizes to the successful winners. Her Excellency Madame Garbinis distributed the prizes to the successful winners.

In the afternoon the "Government House" was the scene of nearly 10,000 spectators to witness the sports which included the [illegible] race, the chatty race, the hundred-[illegible]ce race, the cycle race, etc., and at 8-30 [illegible], there was a Grand Pyrotechine display.

9-30 p.m. The arrangements made are was a ball at Government Houses by the Mayor to suitably decorate the town

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To

The Superintendent
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Date of issue 22/7

Signed by Mr Bhy

I has the honour to
invite the Supdts
attention to an article
under the heading
"Govt Printing presses"
published in the Madras
Times of the 16th instant
and to request him to
submit revised pro-
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With Reference to the
Complaints of the
men who recently
went on Strike

By Order.

For Chief Secy

DMK
21.7.20.

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT,
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Dated Bangalore, 26th July 1920.

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FROM

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To

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B. A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

SIR,

With reference to your docket No: G.1702/P.& S. 6.20.8 dated the 22nd instant, I have the honour to state that I read the Resolution of the Government of India re the reduction of working hours and the granting of increased wages to the employees of the Government Printing Presses in India when it appeared in the papers and beg to state that the Government Order No: G.1776-7/P.& S. 6-20-9, dated 22rd July 1920 has sufficiently met with the situation and any revised proposals are therefore not necessary.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

D B Ramachandra

Superintendent,
Government Printing.